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	OR CONTINUED	Attorney Docket No.	769-226	
EXAMINATI	ON TRANSMITTAL	First Named Inventor _	James R. Johnson	
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				April 25, 2003
BY EXPRI	ESS MAIL NO.: EV 090365165 U	JS		
Box RCE	ner for Patents n, DC 20231			
Sir:				
	uis is a Request for Continued Examy 24, 1997, entitled AN APPARAT			OFILES TO A
Th	e term for response or taking action	n in the prior application e	xpires on April 26, 2003.	
0	An extension of time for response [] filed concurrentl [] has been filed on	y herewith.	y:	
[]	Enter the unentered amendment punder 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior			
[]	Consider the arguments in the Ap	opeal Brief or Reply Brief	previously filed on	
[X]	A preliminary amendment is end	closed.		
[]	Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) enclose	sed		

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- [] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed.
 - [] PTO-1449
 - [] Copies of IDS Citations
- [X] The amendment fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After amendt. (Col. 1)	Highest No. Prev. Paid for (Col. 2)		Present extra (Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY RATEFEE		<u>or</u>	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY RATEFEE	
Total	20	Minus 20**	=	0	x 9 =	\$0	<u>or</u>	x 18 =	\$0
Ind.	3*	Minus 3***	=	0	x 42 =	\$0	<u>or</u>	x 84 =	\$0
() First	Presentation of	Multiple Dependent Cl	aim		+ 140 =	\$0	<u>or</u>	+ 280 =	\$0
TOTAL	ADDITIONAL	. FEE			=	\$0	<u>or</u>	TOTAL	\$0

- * If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
- ** If the "Highest No. prev. paid for" in this space is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
- *** If the "Highest No. prev. paid for" in this space is less than 3, write "3" in this space.
 - [] An Extension of Time to respond to the PTO communication dated ______ is hereby requested. The required fee, indicated below, is enclosed herewith.

Calculation of extension fee (37 CFR 1.17(1)-(5)):

-	Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
[]	one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
[]	two months	\$410.00	\$205.00
[]	three months	\$930.00	\$465.00
[]	four months	\$1,450.00	\$725.00
[]	five months	\$1,970.00	\$985.00

Fee \$0.00

- [] If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor. (check and complete the next item, if applicable)
 - [] An extension for month has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. Extension fee due with this request \$0.00

Fee Payment Being Made:

[X] Enclosed

[X] RCE filing fee \$740.00

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	Amendment Fee	\$0
	Extension of Time Fee	\$0
	Total Fees Enclosed	\$740.00
[X] A check in the amount of \$740.00 is Other		0 is enclosed.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, and 1.21(h) associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1145. Two copies of this sheet are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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